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How Do We Know?

The Face of Government: Education

State and local government employees provide critical services that citizens depend on every day including police and fire protection, roads and public transit systems, social services, public health and hospitals, and education services. The U.S. Census Bureau collects statistics on the nation's governments every five years in the Census of Governments and every year in the Annual Survey of Public Employment and Payroll

Who are the nation's state and local government workers?

Total Number of Employees: 19,412,955

8.3 million employees outside the education sector

1.3 million Government Administration

2.1 million Public Safety

2.1 million Social Services and Income Maintenance

2.8 million All Other Employees

11.1 million Education

Person Equals 500,000 employees

Education services account for 57% of total state and local government employees.

Education Employees: 11,103,272

48 % Elementary & Secondary Instructional

23 % Other Elementary & Secondary

18 % Other Higher Education

10 % Higher Education Instructional

1 % Other Education

How much are education employees paid?

The monthly pay for a full-time education employee averaged \$4,278 in March 2011, up from \$3,268 in March 2001.

Total gross pay for education employees was \$36.6 billion in March 2011.

Map of United States showing monthly amount of full-time education employee pay by state

10 states \$2,500 – \$3,499

25 states \$3,500 - \$4,499

13 states \$4,500 - \$5,499

2 states \$5,500 - \$6,499

Average Monthly Pay for Full-Time Education Employees

Average Monthly Pay for Full-Time Education Employees by Job and Work Status

Higher Education Instructional

Part-time \$1,608

Full-time \$7,193

Total \$4,045

Other Higher Education

Part-time \$874

Full-time \$4,347

Total \$2,602

Other Elementary and Secondary

Part-time \$1,031

Full-time \$2,773

Total \$2,202

Elementary & Secondary Instructional

Part-time \$1,169

Full-time \$4,517

Total \$3,904

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